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SUBJ: OIL: NATIONALIZATION BP LIBYA

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1. ECON COUNSELOR RAISED SUBJECT GOL NATIONALIZATION BP CONCESSION WITH CERON, DIRECTOR GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MFA, STATING USG SUPPORT FOR BRITISH EFFORTS PROMOTE COMMON FRONT AMONG CONSUMING COUNTRIES TOWARDS GOL ACTION. EMPHASIZED TO CERON THAT THE US WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT COMMON FRONT NOT RESULT IN SITUATION WHERE OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES MIGHT RALLY TO SUPPORT LIBYA AGAINST CONSUMING COUNTRY MOVES TO PREVENT USE OIL FROM NATIONALIZED PROPERTIES.

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